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am a member of the Deaf community that is concerned with the recent approval of programs without captioning. Captioning on TV has many benefits for me. One benefit is so that I can be an independent person in the community and do not need to ask hearing people what is going on. Another benefit was helping my daughter with her reading skills and allowing us to watch TV together. Lastly, it is very important that news and emergency situations be captioned. I watch CNN headlining and my local news everyday to keep updated on important information in my area. Please support the Deaf community and continue to caption TV programs.

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Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 5:46 PM
To: Michael Jacobs
Cc: Cswmolloy@aol.com
Subject: Closed Captioning

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To Mr. Jacobs,

Hi This is Cynthia speaking. Please do not cut off our right for not having Closed Captioning. About 20 years ago, I didn't have the money until I finally purchased a black box to hook up for my TV and I was thrilled watching the TV programs and TV commercials that I understood what's going on. I thought from now on, there is a law that it must having a closed captioning box inside the TV. Now, different story that I am very upset that you waived and reduce the number close captioning in the TV shows. What happen and who decide it is okay without closed captioning. Oh come on that is not right. It is very shamed what if you loose your hearing and you turn up the volume. Is that help? I can barely hear nothing from TV even I would love to hear anything. I am very jealous of you and how lucky you are. It is not my fault that I born deaf which God made me for this.

I hope you rethink what if tomorrow something happens to you and you don't want to be sorry if you loose hearing but No Close Captioning for you. Is that what you want? Out of Mind!! You will see for yourself how react with Deaf people to scream that we all of us desperate for Closed Captioning rest for life.

Do not waive any TV programs and TV commercials not even one bent. Require all shows and local news I beg you for this.

PS: I pray that you will not loosing your hearing. If I am insulting you, I am sorry

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carda095@peoplepc.com wrote on 9/28/2006 1:41:11 PM

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007 Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. **We** are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning'

As an individual, that is slowly losing my hearing, I SIMPLY CAN'T IMAGINE how isolating - once again - it will be for the many people who rely so much on closed captioning as their lifeline to the world! This action is discriminating and appalling, shame on the profit mongers;

Connie Cardarelle
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From: Matt Morgan [mailto:matt@magicmorgan.com]
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Michael Copps
Cc: info@tdi-online.org; Cheryl King; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Jay
Keithley; Monica Desai
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Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that I fully support the action alerts from FDI and other national organizations to oppose the decisions taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on September 12, 2006. We respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers,

Churches make up a very important part of every community. It is within their mission to support the basic needs of all people within their reach. When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast one year ago, they were among the first to offer help with shelter, food, and other assistance to the survivors. Captioning TV programs does meet a legitimate basic need for access to information just like building a ramp to the church door. By providing captions to meet the needs of a significant population group, the churches will find themselves with an expanded TV viewership, which will lead to an increase in their membership and other support from the community. When children and adults are able to read captions on spiritual programs, they are influenced to live up to high moral standards and contribute their part to the community. Hearing loss is the number one growing disability among senior citizens - they will find themselves depending on captioning to listen to the message.

We want to participate fully in all programs and services at our local church because it serves as a vital resource that empowers us to be fully integrated in the community. If one of us who are deaf or hard of hearing sees the services with captions on TV, we can interact with other church members, neighbors, fellow employees, family members, and service professionals in the local community. We stand to benefit from the "local connection" that national religious programs are unable to provide.

We know that all video programmers have had ten years to prepare for the captioning regulations now in place, and temporary waiver, when appropriate.

When you give full permanent exemptions to the two programmers, it reverses all the access we have worked on for years. We ask that programmers consider other possible revenue options such as sponsorships, long-term captioning service agreements, and aftermarket sales (videotapes or DVDs) to cover and minimize the cost of captioning. Or, they can reduce other expenses in their production budgets to enable the provision of captioning.

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Closed captioning gives me a) access to news that is indispensable to the community, b) entertainment that is an integral part of our lives, and c) education that paves the way for us to become self-sufficient in society. The information that everyone in the community receives is also important to me and I can only get it if it is captioned.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Matthew & Liliana Morgan
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Dear Mr. Martin,

Please do not give permission for C.C. to be stopped on TV programs. I and many other deaf and Hard of hearing people cannot enjoy TV without these captions. Please reverse and support all C.C. programs. TV shows do not have much meaning to us without these captions. My husband and I both have severe hearing problems.

Thank you for your time in reading this and taking action.

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Kevin Martin, Chairman

Dear Chairman,

I am very angry and upset about your recent decision NOT to ~~dosed~~ captioning those new TV shows. Why in the world would you change your mind ~~after~~ you promised to pursue the deaf rights to watch and enjoy the public tv shows with closed captioning. I represent over 20,000 deaf and hard of hearing citizens in the beautiful city of Riverside, California and we all depend on ~~the~~ adventure of TV shows with full closed captioning. We keep abreast of the world occurrences and learn many lessons and things ~~from~~ them.

I do not fathom the reasons for your changing those crucial decisions. Cost of captioning these days are pretty inexpensive and affordable. The ADA rulings clearly say we deserve the closed captioning TV shows at ALL times and we appreciate this law.

or heavens sake, listen to the voices of the deaf and hard of hearing
if the United States of America enable them to be fully
fully as ~~as~~ everybody. You have been with us and listened to us many
times and I DO NOT understand why you change your mind for whatever reason
pay equal taxes to the federal government if the same opportunities as
everyone in America. Please resume and restore the closed captioning rules to be
fully effective. We

Just hear us....hear us well

Seymour S. Bernstein
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairperson Martin,

I am very concerned about the future of Closed Captioning on television. I have noticed lately that captions disappear in the middle or towards the end of the program. Captions appear on some channels and not on others, no captions during emergency messages, how the FCC is now allowing exemptions for non profit organizations who product films for the general public and for those who put on advertisements on TV that are running for government offices.

With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the deaf and hard of hearing community have hope for a better future. We look to you and your commission to stand strong and protect our community.

Thank you,

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Thank you,

Amel Mary Kibbe
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Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Jeff Carroll
Community Services for the **Deaf**
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